Protected Monuments

2664. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the monuments being protected by the Archaeological Survey of India as on date, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent by Government during the last three years;

(c) the efforts made by Government to develop the above as places of tourists;

(d) whether certain monuments are in a dilapidated condition and are on the verge of collapse;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government for protection of such monuments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The State-wise list of monuments protected by Archaeological Survey of India is at Statement.

[Refer to the Statement—I appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 2663 Part (a)]

(b) Details of expenditure incurred for maintenance of centrally protected monuments during the last three years are as below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Expenditure
2002-03	8035.00
2003-04	10706.00
2004-05	11595.00

(c) Various ongoing measures of structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development are being undertaken for these monuments and sites. The ticketed monuments attract a large number of tourists from both India and abroad. Special attention is given to these sites by way of provision of tourist related facilities and environmental upgradation. The special programme for these sites are funded by the Ministry of Tourism and their progress of implementation

is reviewed by a Coordination Committee of the Ministries of Tourism and Culture.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Conservation of monuments is continuous process. Archaeological Survey of India undertakes regular maintenance and special repairs, wherever necessary, in respect of all protected monuments. The ASI engages watch and ward staff for physical protection, and their efforts are supplemented by private security guards and CISF personnel, in respect of selected monuments.

One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of 1857

2665. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has earmarked a sum of Rs. 100 crore for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the events of 1857, also known as the first war of Indian Independence;

(b) whether sponsorship of an official history of the uprising of 1857, part of the proposed celebrations;

(c) if so, the historian who have been commissioned to write this volume (s);

(d) the basis on which historians have identified for the project, or if they are yet to be selected on what criteria they shall be chosen for this project; and

(e) whether both the Pakistan and Bangladesh have agreed to join in these celebrations and if so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) No funds have so far been earmarked for the celebrations. However, financial constraints will not be allowed to affect the scale or scope of Celebrations. The Government has constituted Group of Ministers with the following members to chalk out the programmes to be taken up as part of these celebrations: